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APPENDIX A

CLEAN VERSION OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

19. (amended) A combustible fuel source comprising:

a self supporting porous carrier of dried pulped fibre including at least one surface for a combustion site; and

a solid hydrocarbon fuel dispersed throughout said porous carrier after its formation such that, when ignited at said at least one surface, said hydrocarbon fuel is combusted and heat from said combustion vaporizes additional solid hydrocarbon fuel in said porous carrier which travels through said porous carrier to said at least one surface wherein it is combusted;

wherein said fuel source is formed into a preselected shape in the form of a cylinder and said fuel source further comprises an outer sheath which is denser relative to said porous carrier and said outer sheath is impregnated with a solid fuel.

22. (amended) A combustible fuel source comprising:

a self supporting porous carrier of dried pulped fibre including at least one surface for a combustion site; and

a solid hydrocarbon fuel dispersed throughout said porous carrier after its formation such that, when ignited at said at least one surface, said hydrocarbon fuel is combusted and heat from said combustion vaporizes additional solid hydrocarbon fuel in said porous carrier which travels through said porous carrier to said at least one surface wherein it is combusted;

wherein said fuel source may be spread over an oil spill in the water and combusted together with said oil spill.

27. (new) A method of making a combustible fuel source comprising the steps of:

- (a) soaking a cellulose fibre product in water to form a first intermediate;
- (b) coarsely macerating the first intermediate to form a pulp;
- (c) drying the pulp to form a porous carrier;
- (d) impregnating the porous carrier with a liquified solid fuel such that the liquified solid fuel is dispersed throughout the porous carrier; and

(e) solidifying the liquified solid fuel on the porous carrier to form the fuel source.

28. (new) The method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising the step of shaping the pulp into a preselected shape between steps (b) and (c).

29. (new) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the porous carrier is saturated with the liquified solid fuel.

30. (new) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the cellulose fibre product comprises material selected from the group consisting of paper fibres, wood fibres, and cloth fibres.

31. (new) The method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the cellulose fibre product comprises material selected from the group consisting of paper fibres, wood fibres, and cloth fibres.

32. (new) The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the solid fuel comprises a fuel selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products, wax derived from vegetable products, petroleum wax, motor oil, and grease.

33. (new) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the solid fuel comprises a fuel selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax, beeswax, wax derived from animal products, wax derived from vegetable products, petroleum wax, motor oil, and grease.

34. (new) A combustible fuel source manufactured in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 27.

35. (new) A combustible fuel source manufactured in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 32.

36. (new) A combustible fuel source manufactured in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 33.

37. (new) A method of making a combustible fuel source comprising the steps of:

- (a) comminuting a wood fibre product to form a wood fibre fluff;
- (b) compressing the wood fibre fluff into a preselected shape to form a first intermediate;
- (c) injecting steam into the first intermediate to form a porous carrier;

- (d) impregnating the porous carrier with a liquified solid fuel; and
- (e) solidifying the liquified solid fuel on the porous carrier to form the fuel source.

38. (new) A combustible fuel source manufactured in accordance with the method as claimed in claim 37.